

## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2009

### MINUTES (REVISED)

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Kari Hewett, Chair  
Bill Bargeman  
Jack Becker  
Colin Brander  
Richard Campbell  
Keltie Craig  
Gertjan Hofman, VACC Representative  
Meghan Winters  
Rob Wynen, Vice-Chair

**ABSENT:** Rhiannon Chernencoff (Sick Leave)  
Richard Migicovsky  
John Whistler (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood  
Transportation (Staff Liaison)  
David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator  
Michael Alexander, VACC (Alternate)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

#### Leave of Absence Requests

Leave of absence requests were approved for John Whistler and it was noted that Rhiannon Chernencoff was on sick leave.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 21, 2009, were approved.

#### DECISION ITEMS

##### 1. VPD Bike Squad

Further to the discussion at the last meeting regarding the status of the VPD Bike Squad, Constable Glenn Thomson responded to questions from Committee members. The Committee agreed to write a report to Council which will include the motion below. The draft report will be distributed for approval by the Committee.

MOVED by Kari Hewett  
SECONDED by Meghan Winters

THAT The Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that City Council request that the Vancouver Police Department continue the VPD Bicycle Squad indefinitely.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Marine Gateway

Rezoning and Engineering staff provided a presentation regarding the proposed Marine Gateway development and responded to questions regarding bike parking, trip linking and extension of the Canada Line Bridge.

## 3. Separated Bikeways

At the October meeting an update was provided by Lacey Hirtle, Strategic Transportation Planning, on a current staff initiative for a future trial of separated bikeways.

Attached to the agenda for review by the Committee was a draft report to Council submitted by Jack Becker.

MOVED by Jack Becker  
SECONDED by Kari Hewett

THAT The Bicycle Advisory Committee approves in principle the report to Council regarding Separated Bikeways, subject to additional input from the Bicycle Network Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 4. BAC Role in the Development Process

Paul Storer, Engineering Projects and Vicki Potter, Development Services, distributed a document entitled "Development in Vancouver & BAC Role" and reviewed the process for the BAC's involvement in development applications.

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*At 7:10 pm the Meeting Coordinator left the meeting and the Committee and staff continued with Discussion Items*

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. Temporary Detours

Update by Scott Edwards and David Lewis regarding timing of planned detours of existing facilities needed to support the Olympic Transportation Plan.

### 2. Workplan - Bicycle Task Force

Update regarding draft workplan discussed at the October meeting.

### 3. Bicycle Network Subcommittee

Update by David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation. Minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting are attached.

### 4. HST Information

Update by Richard Campbell.

### 5. Vancouver School Board Update

Update by Trustee Allan Wong.

### Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2009  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

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## BICYCLE NETWORK SUBCOMMITTEE

December 8, 2009

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Network Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Gertjan Hofman, Chair  
Richard Campbell  
Michael Alexander  
Jack Becker  
  
Rhiannon Chernencoff  
David Lewis (Engineering)

#### 1. 3226 West 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue

Dave Kim (Engineering Services) presented plans for the applicant to build a barn on 3226 West 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The plans are to build the barn and move 17 horses to this new location. The plans included one driveway access off of Balaclava St.

Members of the subcommittee noted that this project had a low-impact; there were comments on potential conflicts with vehicles with horse trailers entering and exiting the site. The subcommittee also discussed long-term planning of Balaclava St bikeway to be extended to water, and having separated bike facility along the route.

#### 2. 1401 Comox Street

Dave Kim (Engineering Services) presented plans of a redevelopment at 1401 Comox St. The proposed rezoning would rezone this site from RM-5 (Multiple Residential) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. The proposal is to construct a 22-storey residential tower with seven townhouses at grade and 180 apartments above plus six free-standing townhouses. This includes 81 underground parking spots and 242 bicycle parking facilities. All residential units would be rental.

The gate entrance at the laneway to access parkade and bike parking was raised as a concern by the subcommittee; the committee recommended that bike parking be available on the ground floor, closer to the entrance for easier access and safety. The subcommittee recommended that any generated traffic from the development be kept away from Comox Street and see the development as an opportunity to begin the planned Comox Greenway. Engineering Services was asked to review the one-way and right turn diverters in the neighbourhood to verify whether additional traffic generated by the development is likely to go down Comox St.

**3. 605-645 W 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

Dave Kim (Engineering Services) presented plans for a 102 units of Seniors Assisted Living Housing in a 6-storey building with approximately 1,566 square metres of amenity and support services located at the ground floor and 5-storeys of residential units above. One level of underground parking contains 48 spaces.

The committee recommended that additional bike parking be provided for both staff and residents of the Seniors Assisted Living Housing. The subcommittee also recommended a separated bike facility on the north-side of 41<sup>st</sup> avenue. There was also discussion on having additional signals on 41<sup>st</sup> avenue as part of the Oakridge development.

**4. Sexsmith Elementary School**

Dave Kim (Engineering Services) and Dale Morgan (Community Services) presented the redevelopment plans for Sexsmith Elementary School. Ann Lee from the Vancouver School Board and Peter Joyce from BUNT Associates were also present to answer questions.

The project would involve constructing a new school on the west side of the existing property where the playing fields are currently located. There would be no change in the school capacity and drop-off would take place on 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue (currently on Ontario).

The subcommittee recommended that 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue be developed as both a pedestrian and bike connection where students and staff can then access bike facilities. The diagonal diverter at Ontario and 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. proposed as part of the North Arm Trail Greenway was supported and that the diverter provides an opportunity to have segregated bike lanes on both the north side of 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ontario St. The subcommittee also recommended that as part of the traffic calming monitoring, that Engineering monitor Ontario Street for additional vehicle traffic that may be caused by drop-off detours and that additional traffic calming may be necessary.

**5. Granville Loops Policy Plan**

Thor Kuhlmann (Community Services) who presented to the Bicycle Advisory Committee May 20, 2009 reported back on the Granville Loops Policy Plan. Thor Kuhlmann explained the need to move forward in terms of having a land-use policy for the area and requested that they continue to liaison with Engineering regarding cycling facilities. That commentary received from the BAC in the month of May, be represented in the Separated Bike Lanes in Vancouver report.

BNSC decided not to provide an additional motion of support until the transportation plan for the Granville Loops is presented to council.

**6. Update on segregated bike lane report**

David Lewis (Engineering Services) provided an update on the Separated Bike Lanes in Vancouver report going to council January 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. David Lewis discussed that the report would include a recommendation of two locations for trial as well as

possible design options, outline public process, with staff reporting back to council later in 2010.

The subcommittee recommended the term 'demonstration' rather than 'trial' or 'pilot'. Members also discussed providing a priority list of separated bike lanes in Vancouver for staff to consider and asked to be given a copy of the report to council as early as possible before the January council meeting.

**7. 2009-11-18 Separated bike lanes in Downtown report**  
*(title corrected from agenda)*

Jack Becker discussed the need of finalizing the report, so that it can be submitted at the next Bicycle Advisory Committee and presented to council.

**8. Other Business**

David Lewis (Engineering Services) responded to construction questions relating to both 10<sup>th</sup> avenue and Central Valley Greenway.

Snow Removal of bike routes was briefly discussed. A couple of members noted that they have been very pleased with the salting efforts early this season, noting that the routes they cycle routinely have been well maintained. There was mention that salting efforts on the seawall could be improved, specially in areas where lighting is limited. Members did recommend looking at the City of Calgary *Snow and Ice Control policy* as a good example of snow and ice removal on bike lanes. They also noted the City of Montreal as having good snow removal equipment for clearing sidewalks and bike lanes.

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